

PEOPLE

Doctor's heart is on the front lines

When 19-year-old Imran Faruqi walked into an old fire station with beat-up equipment in Washington, D.C.'s tough south-east side, he found his soul.

A biomedical engineering student at George Washington University and fresh-faced EMT, Faruqi realized in the hustle, the din, the urgency of the world of first responders that he would never be the engineer his globe-trotting father, grandfather and great-grandfather were.

Like his fathers before him, he would explore the world. But Faruqi's heart was made of stuff more primal, more adrenaline-fueled, more about keeping someone alive than solving an engineering problem.

For the first time in his life, the college sophomore understood that deep in his heart he needed to help when and where help was needed most.

Only 30 years old and an emergency room physician at Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center, the Laguna Niguel resident already knows what it's like to be the lone physician at an emergency shelter in the middle of a Louisiana flood with 3,000 evacuees needing help.

The doctor also understands what it means to volunteer for an Army commission.

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Dr. Imran Faruqi at Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center on Monday.

DANA POINT TURKEY TROT



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Ashley Legault makes her way to the finish line at the Dana Point Turkey Trot on Thursday.

THANKSGIVING ON THE RUN

One of the nation's largest holiday races marks 40 years

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DANA POINT » There were serious runners prepping for the race circuit, runners in costumes and those who just wanted a reason to eat more Thanksgiving pie.

The annual Dana Point Turkey Trot — marking 40 this year — is among the largest and longest continuously running turkey trots in the nation, said officials with the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce, the event's sponsor.

Last year, 10,224 people registered to run the 10K and two 5K races — the entries have

held steady for the past few years — and many youngsters participate in the Gobble Wobble and costume contest.

The Thanksgiving Day race started as a fundraiser with 300 people — pizza and beer awaited them at the finish line. It was also a way to get people out of the house so that cooking could get done.

The flat course that includes runs through Dana Point Harbor and Doheny State Beach has helped its popularity.

The turkey trot is one of the chamber's biggest fundraisers of the year, benefiting the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9934 in Dana Point and Family Assistance Ministries.

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RUSSIA PROBE

Flynn lawyers split from Trump's

Move a possible sign of cooperation with prosecutors

By Michael S. Schmidt, Matt Apuzzo and Maggie Haberman
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » Lawyers for Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, notified the president's legal team in recent days that they could no longer discuss the special counsel's investigation, according to four people involved in the case, an indication that Flynn is cooperating with prosecutors or negotiating a deal.

Flynn's lawyers had been sharing information with Trump's lawyers about the investigation by the special counsel, Robert Mueller, who is examining whether anyone around Trump was involved in Russian efforts to undermine Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

That agreement has been terminated, the four people said. Defense lawyers frequently share information during investigations, but they must stop when doing so would pose a conflict of interest. It is unethical for lawyers to work



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YORBA LINDA

Woman honored for service to military community

Bridget Blehm attended a ceremony at the Pentagon and received an award from AARP California this month. LOCAL 1

WEATHER



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These giggling youngsters cool off from the Thanksgiving Day heat in Huntington Beach. Record temperatures were recorded throughout the region. LOCAL 1

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ENVIRONMENT

Proposal could mean more drilling



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Many oil platforms off the coast of Southern California are decades old and nearing the end of their lifetime.

Bill pits local lawmakers against federal regulators

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Many of the 27 oil platforms drilling into the underwater shelf off the coast from Santa Barbara to Huntington Beach are decades old and, in the eyes of the oil industry and others, ready to be shut down.

Some cost big money to operate at a time of sagging oil prices. Others need expensive technical upgrades. And all are political targets, widely viewed in a liberal state as bigger environmental risks than the potential reward of pulling yet more carbon-generating oil from the Earth.

But the rigs also represent potential profit. By some estimates, at least one billion barrels of oil remain untapped in the shelf off of Southern California, much of it accessible from federal waters, not the state-controlled areas within 3 miles of the coastline.

And that risk vs. profit conflict — plus

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